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Title: Process for Preparation of MR Contrast Agents

**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the prosecution of the captioned application, which is a continuation of international application number PCT/GB00/01897 filed May 17, 2000. This application also claims priority to application number 9911681.6 filed May 19, 1999 in Great Britain. Additionally, this application claims the benefit of United States provisional application number 60/139,259 filed June 15, 1999.

**In the Specification**

Please amend the title at page 1, line 1, as follows:

*N/E This is the  
same as what  
is there already.*

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